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## **Statement Regarding Jim Turner**

This office has received numerous emails and phone calls from individuals justifiably concerned about a posting on Facebook in which a North Carolina voter named Jim Turner claimed to have voted multiple times in this election. Part of the posting was immediately suspect because there has been no early voting site at which he could have voted in Emerald Isle, North Carolina. We have talked with Mr. Turner and learned that he is a senior citizen who made an unfortunate attempt at a "joke."

Here is his explanation of what happened:

Please allow me to explain the posting on Facebook. My daughter posted a "Like" on Barack Obama's Facebook page about early voting. Thinking I was responding just to my daughter, I made a silly comment joking that I had voted at several different election sites. Not knowing I was posting to Barack Obama's page rather than just to my daughter, this comment, made in total jest, has gone viral and has made many people angry.

I sincerely apologize for all of the difficulty this has created for the Board of Elections and appreciate your help in bringing closure to this situation.

Every claim or allegation of multiple voting must be taken seriously, but we have concluded that it did not occur in this case.

Thank you for your concern.